

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

"THE NEW WORLD" QUARTERLY.

The appearance of the new quarterly, "The New World" (Doughton, Mifflin Co.), is an event of more than ordinary importance. For a long time it has been felt that a high-class review of religion, ethics and theology, speaking for the whole of American Christianity, rather than for any one sect, was urgently needed. Religious review there are in plenty and many of them have attained a high degree of excellence. But each of them speaks only for a more or less limited constituency, and the writers who contribute to them must, as a rule, write in harmony with the views of that constituency. The same thing is even more true of the denominational journals; and were this not so, it is entirely outside of their function to discuss the great fundamental questions of religion, ethics and theology. What was needed, and what "The New World" promises to supply, was a periodical that would open its pages to the most profound and most progressive thinkers of American Christianity, who would discuss the great problems that underlie religion and life in a sympathetic spirit at once catholic and progressive.

A serious defect of American Christianity has been that its merely sectarian aspects have been emphasized. Various detached segments of it have been presented, all of which have had in them certain elements of truth, no doubt, but none of which have covered the whole circle of thought; and not only have these segments, traditional or non-traditional, system derived from it. These men are keenly alive to the remarkable religious movement of the day which is so profoundly affecting all the churches. They see that many of the old formulas are becoming obsolete, and that the old conceptions of religion no longer satisfy the Christian consciousness of the age. They are convinced that a reconstruction of belief and expression must come, or rather that it is now going on. Out of the minute and complex analysis that is now taking place in the spheres of speculative theology and applied ethics, a wide and comprehensive synthesis must arise, in which the supreme thought of Christianity will be found in all its fulness. And they would hasten this result by the declaration of principles than by the contents of this initial number. It is under the charge of an Editorial Board consisting of Professors Charles Carroll Everett and Crawford Howell Foote of Harvard University; President Orelle Cone of Bucknell College, and the Rev. Nicholas Palmer Gilman, of Boston, this latter gentleman being the managing editor; and some of the most eminent students of theology and exponents of religion in Europe and America, have been engaged to contribute to it. The June issue will contain articles by E. B. Andrews, J. Wollansea, Mrs. Humphrey Ward, Francis Tiffany, P. S. Maxon, Joseph Rovce, Minot J. Savage and others; and in the next future there will be contributions from James Martineau, T. K. Cheyney, C. R. Lannan, James Bryce, P. T. Hale, A. V. G. Allen, John W. Chadwick, E. Hether Newton, E. C. Smith, Francis E. Abbott, Charles A. Briggs, P. Peters and E. E. Hall. Each number will contain 200 pages, three-fourths of which will be devoted to articles, and the remainder to careful reviews of new books in the field which is the periodical to cultivate, and a survey of valuable articles in other reviews.

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The March number opens with an article on "The Evolution of Christianity" by Lyman Abbott, scholastic in style and pregnant with thought. "The Historic and Ideal Christ," by Professor C. C. Everett, is a suggestive and stimulating study. "The Future of Liberal Religion in America," by Professor J. G. Scherman, of Cornell, is an accurate photograph of present day tendencies in religion. There is a discriminating article on Kuonen, by Professor Foote, and an instructive paper on "The Theistic Evolution of Buddhism," by Professor J. Estlin Carpenter, of Oxford. In "Between the Testaments," Thomas R. Sibley throws much light on the period between Malachi and Matthew. "The New Orthodoxy," by Edward H. Hall, is an able and honest study of some modern tendencies in theological thought. "The Common, the Compromising and the Romantic," by William R. Alger, is a fresh presentation of some old ideas; and in the "Theological Aspects of the Philosophy of Thomas Hill Green," Professor Charles R. Upton, of Oxford, throws some light on the Hegelian cult in England. The book reviews at the end of the number are written by specialists whose names are signed, and are at once critical and sympathetic. Altogether "The New World" has made an auspicious beginning and will doubtless soon draw to itself the sympathy and support of thinkers and reformers in all the churches.

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